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### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. CON. RES. 507

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 507.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

### REDUCING PREEXISTING PAYGO BALANCES

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 602, I call up the bill (H.R. 5708) to reduce preexisting

PAYGO balances, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of H.R. 5708 is as follows:

H.R. 5708

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. Reduction of Preexisting PAYGO Balances.

Upon the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall reduce any balances of direct spending and receipts legislation for all fiscal years under section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to zero.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 602, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE).

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in favor of the bill before us, H.R. 5708. It is a bill that would prevent the automatic spending cuts in Medicare and other entitlements.

Under the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, entitlement and tax legislation must be offset on a year-by-year basis. We do this so that it will not increase the deficit or reduce the surplus.

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